

The 115th annual Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association convened at the Lamar Community College at 1 p.m. with President Leland Barnes Presiding. The Reverend Ann Richards gave the invocation and Mr. Bob McClung, President of the Lamar Chamber of Commerce gave the welcome to Lamar.

President Barnes introduced Bent-Prowers Director, Virgil Lessenden who represented BP at the Colorado Cattlemen's Assn.'s Young Cattlemen's tour held in Denver the week before.

Other introductions included Hew Hallock, Exec. Vice - President, Larry Kerr of the Cattleguard, Harold Yoder, CCA Board member, Wes Bucher of the Federal Land Bank and Dave Reyher of Production Credit Association.

The Cowbells were dismissed for their tea.

Hew Hallock discussed the NCA Convention held in January, noting that CCA went with two main objectives. One, to push CCA's opposition to futures trading and secondly to propose changes which would improve. Hallock noted that involvement of cattlemen from the western areas has decreased leaving themselves with less influence. He stressed the fact that NCA has grown to be a substantial influence in Washington. The other resolution taken to NCA was to gain support of Armstrong's bill concerning no subsidies for farmground which is natural grasslands broken up. Hew discussed several legislation issues and bill coming up which deal with agriculture. He also discussed the need for more membership in NCA and a more active membership in NCA. Support for the NCA's PAC (Political Action Committee) was discussed and how it would be put to use. He also noted there was a movement to start a PAC for Colorado Cattlemen's.

Harold Yoder gave a talk on the meaning of a good strong membership in order to have a strong organization with a voice that will be heard. Memberships drives are important and NCA should also be stressed along with CCA and local. He spoke on the marketing problems noting some of Bill Praither's materials. The need possibly for a marketing coop type.

Jack Hall, Prowers County Assessor asked for input on prices and leases and aum's. He stressed the fact that everyone needed to be working with their county assessors on the reevaluation of property taxes.

Corwin Brown noted the need for comparable prices between

on state lease lands. Hall noted that his opinion we could be in for double taxes according to the formula from state offices, if the proper information is not available.

Hank Brown's representative, Karen Turner gave a few words and asked that if anyone had questions for her or needed information to contact her.

President Barnes then introduced Linly Stum gave a short talk on marketing based on futures and his views on the subject.

Following a break during which everyone enjoyed the coffee and donuts furnished by the Federal Land Bank and the PCA, the meeting was reopened.

Corwin Brown presented a slide show from the Colorado Beef Board showing promotion of beef.

Virgil Lessenden then gave his comments on his recent Young Cattlemen's Tour in Denver. The group toured the Brand Board, CCA offices, Colorado Serum Company, King Soopers, National Cattlemen's Office and Tried restructured steak. The second day they went to the capital to meet and see how things work in the legislature. All in all it proved informative and educational and he felt that it was a good experience and program for CCA to provide.

The minutes of the 114th annual meeting which had been passed around were motioned for approval by Bill Sparks, seconded by Lew Mathews. Passed.

John Smartt gave a report on the Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust money. Smartt presented it for approval. Lew Mathews seconded. Passed.

Pat Karney gave the audit report. Narvey Larrew motioned to accept. Corwin Brown seconded. Passed. Pat then gave a budget report. Narvey Larrew motioned to accept. Sparks seconded. Passed.

(copies of the above are attached)

Pres. Barnes reported on an answer to a letter sent to Sen. Armstrong concerning the use of 1080 and that Bent-Prowers was opposed to the reduction of the amount usable for control of prairie dogs, etc.

Second Vice-President Wm, Sparks presented the resolutions:

1. Congressman Hank Brown's resolution concerning Japan and beef.

McMillin motioned to accept. Mathews seconded. Passed

2. Thank you to Lamar

3. Memorial

Harold Yoder suggested further work on the futures to limit the speculative trade and then work to make it a useful tool for marketing our product.

Jim McMillin noted that the coming fall Game & Fish would be meeting in the area and he felt it would be appropriate for Bent-Prowers to host a joint meeting with them.

Corwin Brown brought up some points concerning Bent-Prowers \$2,000 reward. He noted some questions concerning a payoff of rewards. A discussion followed about some of the finer points. It was also noted there are still plenty of signs left.

Hew Hallack noted that the Colorado Beef Board has the large signs for \$50 for placement on major highway for beef promotion.

Past President Corwin Brown presented the slate of officers and board of directors for 1984-85 for approval. They are as follows:

President - Gene Keenan

1st Vice Pres. - Bill Sparks

2nd Vice Pres. - Virgil Lessenden

Sec. - Treas - Becky Larrew

Baca

Corwin Brown

Clyde McEndree

Lew Mathews

Wade Swanson

Ron Deeds

PROWERS

W.T. Hughes

Rnady Dunning

Doug Hasser

Don Higbee

Ben Elmore

Jim McMillin

KIOWA

George Blackburn

Leland Barnes

William Rose

BENT

~~Ed Dean~~

Joe Kasza

John Smartt

D.J. Schleining

Jim Schleining

Doug King

Otero

E.L. Matthew

Pat Karney

H.H. Mendenhall

Ken Clark

John Givan

Mike Dutton

Corwin moved to have the slated of officers and directors approved. President Barnes asked for any other nominations from the floor. Jim McMillin motioned to accept as proposed. Lew mathews seconded. Passed. Unanimous.

President Barnes then turned the meeting over to Gene Keenan. Keenan announced the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca S. Larrew
Secretary - Treas.

The evening banquet at the Elks Club was enjoyed by 143 people. Marilyn Weber, Southeast Colorado Cowbells President gave the yearly report.

Entertainment was given by Rev. Richard Hendry who gave a talk on the differences between the United States and New Zealand. The auction produced \$1760 divided between the Bent-Prowers Endowment and the CCA Endowment.

Life membership was givan to John Givan of La Junta.

Before dinner entertainment was donated by Phil Pollries in memory of his late father.

WHEREAS, the Japanese have relatively open access to our markets and put unfair limits on our products going to Japan,

WHEREAS, The average Japanese eat approximately one-tenth as much meat as Americans do,

WHEREAS, The Japanese beef market has an unusually large potential for expansion.

NOW THEREFORE, The Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association supports Congressman Hank Brown's resolution that Japan dismantle all non-tariff barriers to United States beef imports, and failing that, calls for the United States Trade Representatives to seek appropriate relief under United States and International trade laws.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association takes this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies, media, and individuals who made us welcome here in Lamar and so generously contributed to the success of this 113th Annual Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

SINCE our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members have passed to their reward. We, who remain, have enjoyed and benefited from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone on before us have firmly instilled in our Association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.